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SUBJECT: EC DIFFERENTIATED IMPORT LICENSING FOR RICE

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 7, MISSION OFFICERS RAISED WITH EC COMMISSION
OFFICIALS POINTS IN REFTEL REGARDING U.S. OBJECTIONS TO DIFFERENTIATED

VALIDITY PERIODS FOR IMPORT LICENSES FOR RICE. COMMISSION
OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR THEY HAD WANTED
TO LIMIT THE VALIDITY PERIODS AND THUS ADVANCE FIXING ON RICE
IMPORTS BECAUSE OF DECLINING MARKET PRICES. HOWEVER, A SHORTENED
VALIDITY PERIOD CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR LONG-DISTANCE SHIPPERS SUCH
AS THAILAND IN GETTING THEIR MERCHANDISE TO THE EC WITHIN 45
DAYS, AND SO THE EC EXTENDED THE VALIDITY PERIOD FOR THEM.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THEY WILL BE REVIEWING THE
VALIDITY PERIODS ON IMPORT LICENSES THIS MONTH IN LIGHT OF
U.S. REPRESENTATIONS AND RECENT PRICE DEVELOPMENTS FOR
RICE. AT THAT TIME THEY WILL LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF
EXTENDING THE 45 DAYS AS WELL AS HAVING THE SAME VALIDITY

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PERIODS FOR ALL ORIGINS. COMMISSION OFFICIALS CONFIRMED

THAT MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN RICE EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAVE
MADE REPRESENTATIONS ASKING FOR LONGER VALIDITY PERIODS. HINTON

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